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by the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention is concluded for a period of five years, dating from the day of the exchange of its ratifications.

ARTICLE IV.

The present Convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and by His Majesty the King of Portugal in accordance with the constitutional laws of the Kingdom.

The ratifications of this Convention shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible, and it shall take effect on the date of the exchange of its ratifications.

Done in duplicate in the English and Portuguese languages at Washington, this 6th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

ELIHU ROOT [SEAL]

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AN ARBITRATION CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS.

Signed at Washington on May 2, 1908.

The Government of the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, signatories of the Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague on July 29, 1899;

Taking into consideration that by Article XIX of that Convention the High Contracting Parties have reserved to themselves the right of concluding Agreements, with a view to referring to arbitration all questions which they shall consider possible to submit to such treatment;

Have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude the following agreement, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States; and

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, Mr. W. A. Royaards, Counselor of Legation and Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* of the Netherlands at Washington;

Who, after communicating to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

Differences which may arise of a legal nature or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the two Contracting Parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration established at The Hague by the Convention of the 29th July, 1899, provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence, or the honor of the two contracting States, and do not concern the interests of third Parties.

ARTICLE II.

In each individual case the High Contracting Parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, shall conclude a special Agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the Arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the Arbitral Tribunal and the several stages of the procedure. It is understood that on the part of the United States such special agreements will be made by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and on the part of the Netherlands they will be subject to the procedure required by the constitutional laws of the Netherlands.

ARTICLE III.

This Convention is concluded for a period of five years, counting from the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate at Washington, in the English and Dutch languages, this second day of May, 1908.

ELIHU ROOT	[SEAL]
W. A. ROYAARDS	[SEAL]

AN ARBITRATION TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND DENMARK.

Signed at Washington, May 18, 1908.

The Government of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Denmark, signatories of the Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague on the 29th July, 1899;